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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Karen A. Canella
Group : 1642
Applicant : Jurg Tschopp
Application No.: 09/520,489 Confirmation No.: 1565
Filed : March 8, 2000
For : APRIL-A NOVEL PROTEIN WITH GROWTH
EFFECTS

New York, New York
February 24, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the September 26, 2002 Office Action. With the extension, a response must be filed on or before February 26, 2003. A check in the amount of \$410.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

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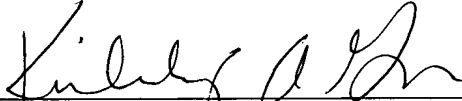
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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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